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1. EMBASSY VERY PLEASED TO HEAR OF MR. KELLY'S PROPOSED VISIT AND BELIEVES TRIP WILL BE VERY USEFUL. IN ADDITION POSSIBILITIES FOR COMMERCIAL RANCHING, THERE SHOULD BE A GOOD POTENTIAL FOR INVESTMENT IN HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTION INCLUDING FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTSWANA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND MINAG, EMBASSY WILL CABLE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

2. MR. KELLY MIGHT BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT MESSRS. C.E.PARFET AND JACOB CATH OF MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST VISITED BOTSWANA LAST MONTH IN COMPANY OF AG ATTACHE HATCH FOR PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION RANCHING OPPORTUNITIES IN BOTSWANA. THEY PLAN RETURN MARCH OR APRIL FOR THOROUGH ASSESSMENT. SOLIO RANCH LTD (OPIC INSURED CATTLE RANCH IN KENYA, OWNED BY PARFET AND CATH) FEATURED IN 1973 OPIC ANNUAL REPORT.

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